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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2301**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**

February 18, 2016

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An act to add and repeal Section 15656.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to residential care facilities for the elderly.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2301, as amended, Chu. Residential care facilities for the elderly: elder abuse.

Existing law, the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act, provides for the licensure of residential care facilities for the elderly by the State Department of Social Services. Existing law establishes rights for residents of residential care facilities for the elderly, including the right to contact the department or the long-term care ombudsman, or both, regarding grievances. Existing law, the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, establishes various procedures for the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse.

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency, on or before January 1, 2020, to file a report to the Legislature regarding ~~the manner in which~~ *how* each county in the state invests in and ~~conducts services that train and equip~~ *trains and equips* law enforcement officers to identify and investigate instances of elder abuse

in long-term care and assisted living facilities within their jurisdiction, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 15656.5 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 15656.5. (a) On or before January 1, 2020, the California  
4 Health and Human Services Agency shall file a report to the  
5 Legislature regarding ~~the manner in which~~ *how* each county in the  
6 state invests in and ~~conducts services that train and equip~~ *trains*  
7 *and equips* law enforcement officers to identify and investigate  
8 instances of elder abuse in long-term care and assisted living  
9 facilities within their jurisdictions.

10 (b) The report filed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall include,  
11 but not be limited to, the following information for each county:

12 (1) The size and scope of the county's long-term care  
13 ombudsman program.

14 (2) Whether or not the county sheriff's department maintains  
15 an elder abuse task force or a resource officer trained and equipped  
16 to investigate elder abuse cases or coordinates with the county  
17 long-term care ombudsman on elder abuse investigations and the  
18 way in which these programs are funded.

19 (3) ~~How proactive the county's frequently and which county~~  
20 ~~programs are at engaging~~ *able to engage* with long-term care  
21 ~~facilities and conducting services, facilities,~~ including, but not  
22 limited to, ~~routine check-ins with facility managers and residents.~~  
23 *periodic visits to facilities.*

24 (4) Whether or not the county's elder abuse task force or  
25 designated resource officer, if any, ~~has~~ *makes* contact information  
26 available to long-term care facilities and their residents.

27 (c) (1) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)  
28 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the  
29 Government Code.

30 (2) Pursuant to Section ~~9795~~ *10231.5* of the Government Code,  
31 this section is repealed on January 1, 2024.

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